CEEMS awfully forlorn to eat a Thanksgiving dinner all alone." raid Milly, soberly, looking over at the young fellow who sat mending a harness strap beside the blazing hearth.

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"I haven't the heart to get up a big dinner for just us two."
"I fon't see what else we can do. Sprat, and he wouldn't come. We might send him something by way of

being neighborly." "And be turned away for our pains,"

the woman laughed. "You can't even go out on the highways and hedges and gather in stragglers, like the ancient host of Bibie fame. Maybe it is just as well not to me that you look tired, Milly. What's

"Nothing, Jim. I guess I need a little outing. I'll take a run across the Hollow and he back before supper."

Milly put on her cloak and went out into the crisp autumn afternoon. The woods were hare except for a few torchlike flames of red which marked the presence of an occasional gum tree The sky was clear, cold and pallid. tinged with a greenish glow where the dark forests rimmed the far horizon Not a sign of human habitation was visible, and not a sound broke the vast stillness save the steady tap-tap of a woodpecker. The loneliness oppressed Milly strangely. For two years she had endured it in cheerful silence, working patiently.

"I'm getting morbid simply for the want of a little company," she said, as she walked down the untraveled road in the face of the crisp north wind "That will never do for you., Milly Bennett. For Jim's sake you mustn't give way to such foolishness."

Suddenly Milly's ear caught the sound of chopping which seemed to come from the Hollow beyond the di vide. She turned and made her way easily through the leafless thicket walking briskly over the hill and down the opposite descent until she dis-tinctly heard voices. Further on, at the edge of a natural clearing, she came upon a party of travelers camped beside a newly kindled fire, where a ican, gaunt appearing fellow busied himself with preparations for the evening meal. They were eight in all, a rough, unkempt lot in leathern jackets and rusty boots. Beside the cook lay a baz of flour, a rasher of bacon, and two jugs stopped with corncols.

Milly stopped abruptly when she found herself observed by the curious eyes of eight strangers, then changed

A big, black-whiskered man dropped his armful of horsefeed and looked at her piercingly "Lost?" he asked.

"No I live two miles up the divide I happened to hear you chopping, and atopped out of curiosity."

her, but the forlers, gaunt appearance ! of the little group incited a little throb of puty and made her think gratefully her own hands. It was her money that of her own cory, cheerful little shack with Jim waiting for her beside the glowing fire. "I suppose you are simply camping

here for the night," she ventured, lookthe camp. 'Well, no," answered the black-

browed man, who impressed her at once as being spokesman of the party. if it's worth our while we may set up for a week or two.'

"Oh then, you'll be here over Thanksgiving, won't you? I'd like to have you all take dinner with us to-The man looked at his fellows with

a curious smile, half questioning, half credulous. "It's rather unexpected," he remarked, humorously.

"Oh, we're all neighbors out here you know," Milly explained, cordially, "My husband would be very glad to have you with us. We are from the east, and we're used to having company for Thanksgiving."

"Your husband is a prospector, too I take it?"

"Oh, no. He came out here for his bealth two years ago, when he was all run down with overwork. We expect to stay here until he's quite well."

"We didn't notice any houses as we passed along. Where do you live?" "Iwo miles below here, on the Sunrise road, not on the trail. Will you come over to-morrow?"

"Well, being as you're so kind as to take the trouble to invite us we'll be glad to accept your hospitality, and thank you.'

promptly at 12. There are eight of him." you, aren't there? I want you all, reis rather long. You cross the hill and go straight south till you reach the ly under the door. Jim rose hurried-

you directly to our shack, going west. Milly returned in great good spirits. Jim looked dubious at first, but he was | der, and this is what it said: loth to damp the ardor of his good little helpmeet by voicing his doubts tell you that it was our intention to as to the wisdom of inviting eight

strangers to their home. "You don't mind, do you, Jim? Milly asked, anxiously. have them by all means."

You should have seen them! Great gaunt, hungry-looking fellows who probably haven't had a good dinner signed, a for a year. I do believe Providence sent me across their path expressly to give them a treat."

"I hope we have enough stuff on hand," said cautions Jim. "It will take heaps to satisfy eight hungry men, you know."

"Of course we have plenty. We'll kill both turkeys and I'll make four pies instead of one, and two bolled puddings besides. We'll have potatoes and turnips and the canned corn I put up myself, and as much cider as they can drink. For dessert we'll have reagood coffee and iced cake. Oh, we'll have enough, you may be sure. Jim No neighbors to invite except old Pete you must rig up a table big enough to seat them all."

They worked till bedtime that night peeling apples, seeding raisins, and picking the turkeys. The next morning Milly rose long before dawn and set about her baking and brewing while Jim put up a big deal table that stretched almost the length of the roota, and by noon it was set with alhave all the work of getting up a the luscious viands of an eastern Thanksgiving dinner, for it seems to Thanksgiving dinner, set with homel; platters and dishes, to be sure, but not ougher in appearance than the mer who finally seated themselves about the steaming board. Jim beamed hos pitably from his place at the head of he table and tried dutifully to "act as the company belonged there," as Milly had said. The big black-white kered fellow, whom the others ad-

ressec, as Blaisedale, had the place of



YOU WON'T REGRET YOUR KIND NESS.

onor, because he seemed to be the leader of the gang by Latural selection, as the rest all deferred to him He watched Milly with a curious intentness, which brought a flush to her check and made her slightly uncon tortable.

"You're mighty comfortably fixed to: there diggings," said he, presently, looking about the walls with their homely prints and ornaments.

"Yes, we are rather comfortable her mind and crossed the key little tannks to Milly's ingenuity." Jim anbrook and made her way toward the swered with a glow of affectionate

> "You're lucky to be able to afford such luxuries, for all those fancy fixngs are luxurles in Colorado." Blaise iale remarked, significantly,

"Yes, I count myself one of the luck est men in the world. I owe everything to Milly, even my life. I was a The man's insistent gaze annoyed poor law student when we were married, and when my health broke down she simply took all responsibility into enabled me to come here. It's her bit of money that we're living on now All that she has in the world is in the

little bank at Sunrise, where she goes once a month to draw the necessar; ing about at the meager comforts of sum for our provisions. But now that I've not to work we're making our way along without much help from the bank. I tell you I hated to use that money bad enough, but if it hadn't We came down to prospect a bit been for that the Lord only knows

Milly blushed deeply and becomingly Why, it doesn't amount to that," said he, with a snap of her brown fingers. 'All the money in the world would be worthiess to me if I didn't have Jim." "I've heard a saying about a 'good wife being a treasure." Biaisedale re marked. "Your wife proves the truth

of H. The dinner was a great success Blaisedale, who seemed to exert a mysterious influence over his fellows, grew ery talkative and entertaining. He told stories of queer places and queerer people which savored of familiarity with lawlessness and lawbreakers, but which kept Jim breathlessly interested until the eight strange guests made their adieus. When the company had filed out of the little cabin door Blaise dale, who was last to go, turned at the threshold and held out his hand to

Mille "You remind me of some one I one knew." he said, simply, "and for her sake I'd like to shake hands with you. Thank you for your hospitality. You won't regret your kindness, by the

way. "Queer fellow, that one." Jim remarked, as he watched the gang recede down the wintry road. "You may be "Very well. I shall expect you sure he has a strange history beland

That night when Jim and Milly sat member. Now, I'll go, for the walk talking beside their cheerful hearth, a scrap of white paper crept mysterious Sunrise wagon road, which will take ly and threw back the door, but no one was in sight, and not a sound broke the deep stillness of the icy night Milly read the note over his shoul-

"Some curious whim prompts me to break into and rifle the little eggsheil ank at Sunrise before quitting these diggings, but for the sake of Milly's 'bit of money' it shall go unharmed. "Not a bit. If it pleases you, let's Thanking you for a pleasant hour .-Blaisedale."-N. Y. Times.

#### fine many first to be and the Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given, that the under-JOSEPH AUBUCHON, Deceased, take final actionment of his accounts addestate as such administrator at the form of the Probate Court of St. Fran-ounly, Missouri, to be notden at Farm a. In said county, on the second week

#### Final Settlement.

otice is hereby given that the under ned, Administrator of the estate of RICHARD MOORE, Deceased, make a final settlement of said esta-ie next term of the Probate Court of S ncols county, Missouri, to be began and 1 at the Court House in Farmington souri, on the second Monday in January ALFRED MOGRE.

#### Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that the under gned, Administrator of the estate of GEORGE W. FORSHEE, Deceased, will make a final settlement of said estab at the next term of the Product Gourt of sa Francois county, Missour, to be begun an heed at the Court House in Farmington in said county, on the second Monday in January 1885. E. M. FORSHEE, Adm'r.

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Notice is hereby given that letters of administration were manted to the under gifted by the Irrobate Court of St. Francis county, Missouri dated October 2 00, on the estate of

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SOLICITOR OF STATE DEPARTMENT RETURNS PROM SECRET MISSION

Southern Brazil.

As Soon as He Arrives in Washington Cails at White House-The Report of the Solicitor May Asmany Violating Monroe Doctrine!

mission upon which Judge William L. Penfield, solicitor of the state department was sent to South America last September, was to ascertain the exact facts as to Germany's aggressions in southern Brazil, and whether these ag-

This became known upon the return of Mr. Penfield to Washington, accompanied by David E. Thompson, United States ambassador to Brazil Within an hour after his arrival, Judge Penfield called at the White House and remained with the president for nearly, two hours.

Referred to the President. On leaving, he said he could not talk

about his mission, adding: "I am obliged to refer you to the president." At the time the solicitor was sent abroad, the suggestion was nurtured l official circles that his trip had to de with trade conditions, but it has been surmised all along that it had a more mportant and delicate object. He spent made a tour of the southern section of the country.

Has no Eye On Germany. The administration has been interest ing itself in the German situation in Brazil for several years, representations having been made to this government that the German empire wa gradually colonizing the southern potion and gaining a footbold there substantial as to excite the apprehe sion of the Washington administration The Monroe Doctrine.

Some of the alarmists have been b clined to fear that the Monroe Doctrin would eventually be menaced by the trend of events in Brazil, and that might be necessary for the Unite States to make the matter the subject of diplomatic representations.

May Assume Grave Importance. Therefore, taken in connection will the unfriendly spirit brought about to tween the United States and German by the tariff war and other incident the report of Judge Penfield is expecel to assume grave imperiance

#### THE SIGHT PROVED TOO MUCH

the Death Struggles of Her Bungliter.

to years this strought dead with watching the seath stongers of h daughter, Mr. Lillian Ments, a th time of ptemaine poisoning. Methe

phrated there affirstly wedding appropria-

The Visible Cotton Supply. New Orleans, Nov. 23.—Secretary SENATOR BURTON "GUILTY" tible supply of cutton shows a total of 4,546,661 bales, against \$4,280,856 last Louis Pinds Him Galler. week. Of this the total of American cotton is 3,722,661, against 3,502,856

Daugherty in Penttentlary. Peoria, Ill., Nov. 25.-Former Super irtendent of Schools Dougherty, of this city, plead guilty to five charges of for gery and was sentenced to penitentiary indeterminately. He looted the school

Just Like Father. Butte, Mont., Nov. 28.-William A Clark, son of United States Senate Clark has had to submit to an opera tion for mastoiditis, similar to that re cently performed on his father.

Young Cockrell Pinds Conner. St. Louis, Nov. 24.-The son of forms Senator Cockrell has opened, it is said what promises to be the largest de posit of copper in the world in Mexico

Young Cashler Takes \$18,000. ville Gwin, cashier of the bank of Hay ti. Mo. is alleged to have abscondwith \$18,000 of the bank's funds.

Post Office Revenues Washington, Nov. 24.-The revenue of the post office department for the last fiscal year were \$152.826,585, and the expenditures, \$167,399,169

Havana, Nov. 24,-At last accounts even cases of yellow fever were being treated in Havana, with four suspects under observation.

The fale of Pines. Havana, Nov. 28 .- The revolt in the

lale of Pinez will be crushed by Cuba. That is the report given out. Japanese Transports Collide.

Marshall Pield, Jr., Shot. Chicago, Nov. 23.-Marshall Field the abdomen while loading, or unloading, a revolver in hit dressing-room at

An operation was performed at the

hospital, and the bullet removed. Woman's Body In a Trank. Albany, N. Y., Nov. 21. The badlycomposed body of Mrs. John Hammond, aged 57, was found bound and forced into a trunk in a second story oom of her home in this city. Her

Rich Marquis to Sell Extate. London, Nov. 23.-The marquis of Downships has agreed to sell his agricultural lands in County Down, Ireland, to the tenants. The estate is the largest in Ireland, and is valued at

New York, Nov. 27 .- The Hebrew relief fund has reached \$878,511. Vice-President Fairbanks has contributed

#### MUTINY AT SEBASTOPOL

MONROE DOCTRINE Disobedient Sailors Hold a Strong

and Announce Their Rendiness to Return to Duty.

Sebastopol, Nov. 27 .- Though the mutinous sailors have not yet submitted, but on the other hand have received promises of support from the crews of the battleship Pantelelmon (formerly the Kniaz Potemkine) and the cruiser Otchakoff, and though they are in complete possession of "Admiral ty point," where the barracks are lo sume Grave Importance-Is Ger- cated, there were no disorders and the situation is regarded as much improved.

The Soldiers Back Out.

Washington, No. 25.-The secret The mutineers have been deserted by the Brest regiment, which marched off under arms to a camp of loval sailors and sent a message to Vice-Ad miral Choukuin asking his pardon and saying they were ready to return to gressions amount to an invasion of the duty. The crews of all the ships ex cept the Panteleimon and the Otcha-'koff refused to join the mutiny or to answer the signals of the sailors of the shore. The men on the ship named have not yet risen. The author ities have posted artillery on the boule vard, which is the sole avenue of com munication between the city and the stronghold of the mutineers, and ou on the Ralaklava road the only other egrens from Admiralty point. They have the mutineers completely hemmed in, but are awaiting the arrival of troops from Simferopol before at tempting to retake the barracks.

Muttay at Vindivostok. London, Nov 27 -- A dispatch from Vladivostok says: "A number of Russian troops who were taken prisoners four weeks in Brazil, and while there at Port Arthur and who were recently returned here for enrollment in the local garrison revolted, killing two of their officers and wounding five others. The reasons for the revolt are not

Pilinging at Moscow. Moscow, Nov. 27.-The strike spreads this city, and factories and houses | prison and a fine as high as \$1,000.

LOOKING FOR BIG OIL MEN

Missouri Wants Depositions of John

D. Rockefeller, H. H. Rogers

and Other Magnates. New York, Nov. 24.-The state of Missouri wants the depositions of John D. Rockefeller, H. H. Rogers, H. Clay Pierce and other millionaires who have made their money from oil. Suit is pending to oust the Standard Oil Co. from Misscuri, seeking to show that he Standard, the Waters-Pierce and Republic Oil companies were in league o monopolize the business in Mis-

Oil magnates are not easy men to and when their depositions are wantd, and the most skillful process servwere given the task of running them down

Testimony at St. Louis. St. Louis, Nov. 24.-William A. Morat, former manager for the Standard Co at Sedalia Mo., testifying be-Supreme Court Commis-Anthony, in the proceedings h: Attorney-General Hadley I real up the Standard Gil monopoly Museuri, said that the Sundard Oil and orders to its agents to under-I and cestroy competitors at all hazbut not encroached on Waters; Surge territory

Morgan's statement created a sensaoffered frequent and vigorous objec-

Louis Finds Him Gellty-Will Appeal. St. Louis, Nov. 27.-The jury in the case of Seantor Joseph Ralph Burton of Kansas, charged with using his influence as United States senator in be half of the Rialto Grain & Securities

eral court, returned a verdict, finding the defendant guilty on each of the six counts of the indictment. Burton's attorneys stated that an ap eal to the supreme court would be taken on the ground that the indict ment was insufficient: the overruling of the plea at bar, and the excluding of evidence by the court; the variou exceptions taken during the trial to the

Co. of St. Louis, on trial in the fed-

#### THE CANADIAN BIRTH RATE French Population Has the Highest of Any Nation in the World.

sion or admission of evidence.

The birth statistics of Montreal which have just been published should delight the beart of Presiden Rooseveli. The mean birth rate for the 17 years up to and including the year 1903 was 38.92 per 1,000 of the population. The French-Canadiar tirth rate was 49.08 per 1,000; that of the other Catholics, 24.87; that of the Protestants 23.41.

least there is no race suicide. London England, had in 1901 a ratio of 29.6 per 1.000; Glasgow, 31.7; New York, 22.7; Paris, 21.4; Berlin, 26.7; St Petersburg, 25.5; Sydney, 25.8; Madrid, 30.2. The Erench-Canadians of Montreal lead the world in the matter of obeying the Biblical command to "Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth." The birth statistics of the rural dis-

in one section of the population at

tricts, both among the French of the Province of Quebec and the Acadians of New Brunswick and Nova Scotis show an equally high percentage. In Jr., received a bullet wound through contrast, however, the English-speaking Canadians are no better than the much-abused inhabitants of the older his residence, No. 1919 Prairie avenue. parts of the United States. To keep Anglo-Saxon preponderance it is necessary to recruit our population from Great Britain and the American republic. Fortunately, although tering from the dominant race in lanwage, the French in Canada have beome so attached to British institu tions and a British form of govern ment that, as the St. John Globe said the other day, they are loyal supporters of the Canadian constitution and British connection. It is well that this is the case, as in a very short time, unless all present indications fall, the French will be in the majority of native-born Canadians.

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#### NEWS FROM MISSOURL

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Four Warrensburg men, A. Charles Schmidt, Ernest A. Schwartz, Theo Buente and S. J. Peterson, were bound over to the federal grand jury in the sum of \$200 each, which they furnished. The men were arraigned before Commissioner Nuckols at Kapsas City on a charge of having shot into a rural mail box in Johnson county, while out hunting. The pun ishment for an offense of this character is anything up to three years in

A Big Water Flow. A good vein of water was struck at the Missouri state asylum for the insane at a depth of 870 feet, and a test of the quantity made by baling, showed more than 100,000 callons in 24 hours. without reducing the head of the water. The drillers say the supply is inexbaustable. The well probably is the targest in southwestern Missouri. A private water works plant will be erected for this institution with a reservoir to hold more than 200,000 gallons.

May Adopt New Charters. The committee of Joplin and Springfield citizens, selected to confer 📽 re-

gard to the matter of securing new charters for the two towns, met at the Springfield club. Senator McIdoo and Senator McDavid were appointed to correspond with officials of St. Joseph in regard to necessary changes in the charter of that city so that that city can enter the first class and permit Springfield and Joplin to become cities of the second class.

Salmons Sued by County. Henry county has filed suit in the circuit court of Greene county against which Salmon & Salmon gave to secure county deposits. Henry county had \$65,000 on deposit when the bank falled. The suit was originally filed in Henry county but a change of venue was granted. The case will probably

Two Years for a Missouri Forgery J. F. Hendricks, ex-superintendent of the Prudential Insurance compan at Jefferson City, entered a plea of gullty to forgery in the second degree in the circuit court and was sentences o two years in the penitentiary. He forged the indersement on a check which he was to have paid a widow for insurance on the life of her husband and secured the money on it. He was short with the company about

be heard by Judge James T. Neville at

Preacher Sent to Jail. The Rev. James Fry and Annie Kirchner, a girl, were arrested in the West End hotel at Macon on complaint of Mrs. Fry, of Keckuk, In. Fry and the girl had been living at the hotel for the past six weeks. They recistered as "J. Russell and wife, Chicago." Both pleaded guilty. Fry was fined \$200 and sentenced to jail for three, months. The girl was fined \$50

and sent to jail for 30 days. Fell Thirty-Five Feet.

Charles Pepper and T. F. Foster, a onemason and his helper, fell thirtyfive feet from a scaffold while working on the new St. Joseph's church, a Springfield. Pepper broke his left arm and was bruised about the head and body, and Foster received a deep cut on the head. Medical attention was provided and the men were later reoved to their homes.

Drove Turkeys to Market. A drove of turkeys numbering 998 was driven into Springfield fram Buffalo, a distance of 50 miles, by Jim Ballard and 13 assistants. Ballard started to market with 1,003, and five managed to get away. This is by far the largest flock of turkeys ever driven to that market, and the entire lot was bought by Armour & Co. for something over \$1,200

Anybody's Affidavit Good. The supreme court has reversed the ase of Leo Spivey, who was convicted of murder and sentenced to be executed in Pemisnot county. The court holds that trial judges have no right to inquire into the characters of witsees to affidavits, but must grant a change of venue when the app is in proper form, and therefore grant ed Spivey a new trial.

Harry Evans, teacher at the Collin shool, seven miles northeast of St James, allows no smoking at school. Dan Baley, a grown pupil, smoked on the playgrounds at soon. He and the teacher became involved in a fight, in which Evans cut Baley in the abdomen and neck. Two doctors were

The Remains of a City Hall. In excavating in Osage street, In dependence, a Metropolitan construction gang uncovered portions of the foundation of the city hall which was built on the spot soon after indepen-dence was organized as a city in 1849.



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husband, who is but 25 years of age, had not been seen for two weeks.

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